4.(Amended) Compositions as claimed in claim 1, in which the lipophilic matrix consists of compound selected from unsaturated or hydrogenated alcohols or fatty acids, salts, esters or amides thereof, mono-, di- or triglycerids of fatty acids, the polyethoxylated derivatives thereof, waxes, cholesterol derivatives.

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5.(Amended) Compositions as claimed in claim 1, in which the hydrophilic matrix consists of hydrogel-forming compounds.

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7.(Amended) Compositions as claimed in claim 1, comprising a gastro-resistant coating.

9.(Amended) Compositions as claimed in claim 1, in which the active ingredient is wholly contained in the inert /amphiphilic matrix, in the form of tablets, capsules or minitablets.

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10.(Amended) Compositions as claimed in claim 1 in which the active ingredient is dispersed both in the hydrophylic matrix and in the lipophilic/amphiphilic matrix, in the form of tablets, capsules or minitablets.

11.(Amended) Compositions as claimed in claim 1, in which the active ingredient belongs to the therapeutical classes of analgesics, antitussives, bronchodilators,

antipsychotics, selective ß 2 antagonists, calcium antagonists, antiparkinson drugs, non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs, antihistamines, antidiarrheals and intestinal antiinflammatories, apasmolytics, anxiolytics, oral antidiabetics, cathartics, antiepileptics, topical antimicrobials.

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13.(Amended) Compositions as claimed in claim 1, containing bioadhesive substances.

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14.(Amended) Pharmaceutical compositions as claimed in claim 1, in the form of tablets chewable or erodible in the buccal cavity or in the first portion of the gastrointestinal tract.--

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